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NEWS-DEMOCRAT PLAYS HOB WITH DEMONSTRATION

Injected Politics Into Meeting Says Hon. Charles K. Wheeler.

George Emery's Enemies Are There in Force.

HE DEFENDS THE ASSESSMENT.

"If it had not been for that article in the News-Democrat attempting to make political capital out of this meeting we would have ten times as many people here tonight," said Mr. Charles K. Wheeler in his speech at the meeting last night in the police court room.

About 125 citizens attended the meeting and two petitions addressed to the general council, asking that a committee of three disinterested citizens be appointed to revise the work of the block map commission and that George Emery be removed as a member of the board of supervisors because of his membership on the block map commission, were signed by 46 citizens. The petitions will be placed before the members of the general council by a committee consisting of James M. Lang, W. E. Cochran and W. P. Hummel.

Some Amusing Episodes. The meeting was amusing. A reporter for The Evening Sun was elected secretary. Then Uncle Joe Potter rose and declared that it would be only fair, if there was a reporter for the News-Democrat present, to elect him secretary also. Silence reigned a few minutes while fate dabbled with Uncle Joe's "if." But if there was one present at the time, modesty forbade a fulfillment of the condition.

George Emery's personal enemies were there, and they mixed it up with George from every angle, while he sat back in a style to make the contest interesting from start to finish. Neither did he hesitate to explain why some people were protesting against the new assessment, calling them by name and giving figures. This precipitated many arguments, not exactly germane to the call, but diverting while they lasted. Emery said that more valuations were reduced than increased, and asserted that there would be few complaints, outside those, who heretofore have been escaping their fair share of the burden. Most people, he said, would have less taxes to pay, while the evening up process would give the city larger revenues.

Mr. L. S. DuBois was chosen as chairman, and presided over the meeting. He stated that the meeting was not a matter of politics, but was only a meeting of property owners to see that their property was assessed at a fair value for the next four years. Mr. W. E. Cochran said the purpose of the meeting was not to bear any ill will towards the city administration, but that it was a meeting to obtain a fair assessment of the city, and if the block map commission had made any errors in the assessments for a correction of the figures before the final adoption of the assessment for the next four years.

Mr. Wheeler was the chief speaker of the evening, and he said that he had become interested because of the large number of complaints of overassessment that he had heard. "For days men have been running to me and wanting to know what to do about the high assessment of their property. Yet the very men who have been the most active are not here tonight. The worst of it is the effort of one of the newspapers to give it a political aspect, and it has received a jolt."

The block map system was commended by Mr. Wheeler, but he protested against Mr. Emery or any other man who was a member of the block map commission to sit upon the board of supervisors as a judge of his work. He explained the law regarding the fair cash value of property as the amount that an owner could obtain for his goods or property on any day, and that the assessment should not be over 70 per cent of that amount. Mr. Wheeler said that it was not to Mr. Emery that the objections were made, and he did not object if Mr. Emery were present with the board of supervisors to give information, but he did object to seeing a member of the board with a vote to accept his own work.

In defense of his position, Mr. George Emery was present and stated that he had not accepted the position, and it was not his desire to force himself upon the board. He explained that it was regarded by Mayor Smith and others that some member of the commission be a

Moissant, Who Flew From France to England and Circled the Statue of Liberty, Falls to His Death Today

Soldier of Fortune, Who Career Reads Like Romance and Most Daring Aviator is Killed at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—John B. Moissant, the aviator, was killed today, when his Blériot monoplane fell 100 feet, at Harahan, ten miles from New Orleans. He was competing in the Michelin, \$4,000 trophy contest, the same award offered in France. He had encircled the field three times, when the machine became unmanageable. A strap, holding the aviator in the car broke, when the machine capsized. Moissant died almost immediately.

He defeated Graham-White for the Bennett Cup and \$10,000 in a flight around the statue of Liberty last summer. His first fame as an aviator came when he flew from Paris to London, with a mechanic and a kitten as passengers.

In Nicaragua and Salvador he bore a reputation as a soldier of fortune, little less than legendary. He was 26 years old and single. It was announced this afternoon that Moissant's body will be taken to Chicago for burial. John Moissant and two brothers went to Salvador, where they gained possession of an undeveloped coffee plantation. Later they established a gum factory and a sugar plantation, winning a fortune. In 1907 Moissant headed an expedition financed by President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, to conquer Salvador. Fifty exconvicts formed his army and they deserted when Moissant planned an attack on Salvadoran soldiers. For this expedition, Moissant's property in Salvador was confiscated.

Cook Thanks Danish People. New York, Dec. 31.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the traveler, in an interview today in the "Nordlyst," a local Danish paper, sends a message of thanks to the Danish people for his reception on his arrival from the north in 1909. The message which has been cabled to the leading papers in Copenhagen, is in part as follows:

"In response to the offer of the 'Nordlyst' I take this opportunity to thank the Danish people for their uniform patience and loyalty to my interests. I have been deprived of much, but the sweetness of Danish hospitality will always remain to nurse the spark of ambition."

Causes Small Fire. The gasoline lighting system at the saloon of Lou Alenborg on South Second street caused in a small fire this morning. The blaze was extinguished without loss by two firemen from the Central station.

BEAT HIS WIFE THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE. Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.—Lewis Cole, of Richmond, because his wife beat him for divorce, today beat the woman senseless then shot himself, dying instantly. The woman will recover.

Packers' Hearing. Chicago, Dec. 31.—The packers' hearing to prevent the dismissal of civil action against them was postponed again today, until Tuesday, owing to the illness of Judge Kohlman.

Record of Disasters During Year of 1910

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Chicago Tribune today prints a compilation of disasters, fires, railroad fatalities, suicides, and benefactions during the last 12 months. It shows that Americans made public gifts amounting to \$141,694,538 during the year. Andrew Carnegie donated \$19,664,325; Rockefeller \$16,039,000; Mrs. Russell Sage \$3,888,150 and J. P. Morgan \$1,044,000.

Total suicides were 12,608 against 10,230 last year. Among the fatalities drowning, 5,112; fires, 3,562; in mines, 1,004; in storms, 265; explosions, 951; electrical, 189; lightning, 199; asphyxiation, 229; elevators, 132; automobiles, 920.

Property loss by fire in the United States and Canada, \$222,000,000.

THE WEATHER

The predictions for tomorrow and temperature for the past twenty-four hours will be found at the top of the seventh column on page four.

BANK DIVIDENDS DECLARED TODAY; CLEARINGS GOOD

Semi-Annuals Show Local Institutions Are in Good Condition.

Richard Rudy Vice-President of Citizens.

MINERS KILLED WHEN SLATE FALLS

TWO AMERICANS AND SIX FOREIGNERS MEET THEIR DEATHS.

Matteawan, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Two Americans and six Italians were killed today by a fall of slate in the Lick Ford mine. A loaded mine car was derailed, starting the fall of slate.

Strikes Open Switch. Panama, N. Dec. 31.—Engineer Frank Squibb, of Villa Grove, Ill., was fatally injured today when a fast Chicago and Eastern Illinois passenger train struck an open switch and plowed through a train of 12 freight cars.

One Killed in Wreck. San Antonio, Dec. 31.—One passenger, James A. Ball, of Kansas City, was killed, 5 persons were seriously injured and a score of others bruised when a San Antonio and Arkansas Pass passenger train was wrecked at Pattus, 78 miles south of here, late today.

FOR BLIND CHILDREN.

Prepare Raised-Letter Magazine for Afflicted Little Folks.

New York, Dec. 31.—Little folks of New York who are blind are going to have their own magazine. On New Year's Day a raised letter magazine will gladden the hearts and delight many a little sightless one. And all this just because one blind child wrote a letter to the New York Association for the Blind, saying he could read now and wished very much he had a paper all "our own."

BURGLAR ALARM GOES OFF; BUT NO ONE FOUND

For the tenth time in the last few weeks, Mr. E. B. Harbour was awakened at 12:50 o'clock this morning by his burglar alarm and notified the police. Sergeant Lige Cross and Patrolmen Beavers, Smith, Scott and Odle went to the scene but the prowler, who had tried to force in the back window, had escaped. Attempts to break into the rear window of his store, 116 North Third street, have been almost a nightly occurrence, but last night was the first time Mr. Harbour called the police. Each time he was awakened by the alarm at the side of his bed he went to investigate, but never has succeeded in catching the burglar.

Next Meeting in Boston. Chicago, Dec. 31.—Boston was chosen as the place for holding the 1911 convention of the American Buyers' association. The date was set as August 29, 30 and 31. The executive committee in session here decided on the time and place.

RESCUED HIS PRISONER.

Deputy Sheriff Lands Alleged Murderer in Jail.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 31.—After rescuing his prisoner from a mob bent on lynching him, Deputy Sheriff J. M. Williams arrived here with Jesse Odom, charged with murder in Bond, Miss., and placed him in the county jail for safe keeping. The prisoner bears two gun shot wounds inflicted by the mob.

BATH TUB TRUST COUNSEL

CONFERS WITH WICKERSHAM.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Attorneys for the individuals indicted as members of the so-called bath tub trust for the alleged violation of the Sherman act, appeared before the department of justice in behalf of their clients. The trio of lawyers was headed by Rush Taggart, of New York. They declined to state the result of their conference.

TO RECOGNIZE ESTRADA.

U. S. Waits for Nicaragua Constitutional Convention.

Washington, Dec. 31.—As soon as the constitutional convention of Nicaragua, which meets at Nicaragua tomorrow, will demonstrate by a decisive vote that it is in favor of Estrada for president, the United States will recognize the present government of that republic. The general belief continues to be that Estrada will be elected president for two years, at the expiration of which time a general election will be held.

Another Mexican Plot Uncovered Before Plotters Had Time to Take Vera Cruz—Several Are Executed

Leading Business Men of Port Involved by Evidence—Yucatan is Hot Bed—Progress in Honduran Revolt.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 31.—That Mexican authorities here discovered a wide spread conspiracy in time to prevent the seizure of the port of Vera Cruz, and a gunboat in the harbor, became known today. Some of the most prominent men in Vera Cruz are involved. Fifty arrests have been made, and three alleged leaders summarily executed. Reports from Yucatan indicate that section is a hotbed of rebel sentiment, and an outbreak at Merida is expected.

TEGUIGALPA, HONDURAS, Dec. 31.—Clashes between Bonilla's soldiers and government troops along the Nicaraguan border are resulting in repeated victories for the rebels. It is known that numerous Davilla soldiers are joining Bonilla and Lee Christmas. It is believed the main fighting will take place here and that when Bonilla raises his flag over the palace the revolution will end.

Murray Wedding.

Murray, Ky., Dec. 31.—The marriage of Elbert Lassiter, of New Market, Tenn., to Miss Myrtle Holland, the youngest daughter of Mr. R. B. Holland, took place yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lassiter formerly lived here; was assistant cashier of the Citizens' bank. After the marriage they started on an extensive southern trip, after which they will be at home at New Market, Tenn., after January 10.

M. W. A.

Many Members and Friends of Lodge Attend.

About 300 members and friends of the Paducah Lodge No. 11313, Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors auxiliary were present at an enjoyable social and oyster supper held at the Three Links building last evening. It was a delightful occasion exemplifying the social side of lodge life. Through the kindness of the Bookman Tea and Coffee company the guests each enjoyed a hot cup of coffee with the lunch.

County Health Board

STILL LACKS MEMBER

The county board of health for 1911 will be composed of Dr. O. R. Kidd, Dr. J. Q. Taylor and Dr. J. G. Brooks, appointed by the state board. County Judge Allen W. Barkley is a member ex-officio and a member will be elected at the session of the fiscal court Tuesday.

KING'S MOUNTAIN

STORE DYNAMITED

NO CLEW TO THE OUTRAGE IN LITTLE TOWN ON Q. & C.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31. (Special.)—At Kings Mountain, Ky., the big general merchandise store of Murphy & Acton was blown up with nitro-glycerine. There is no clew. Several other buildings were burned.

MONDAY OBSERVED AS

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

This is the last day of the last week of the last month of the year 1910. Tonight at 12 o'clock the new year will be ushered in, and 1910 will pass into oblivion. As usual there will be a large number of watch parties to wait the new year in. Monday in business will be observed as a holiday. The public buildings will close all day. Some of the stores in the business district will be closed part of the day. The banks will be closed and the post-office will be open only from 9 o'clock until 10 o'clock and the carriers will make only one delivery of mail. The Illinois Central shops will be closed.

Chicago Market.

Dec. High. Low. Close.

Wheat 92 92 92 92

Corn 47 46 46 46

Oats 31 31 31 31

HARRIS DROWNS; CAPT. BROWN SAFE

EMPLOYEE FALLS OFF WHARF-BOAT AND DRAGS WHARFMASTER IN.

Henry Harris, 39 years old, a colored driver for the Paducah Wharf-boat company, was drowned, and Wharfmaster Frank Brown had a narrow escape from being drowned a 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Harris was working on the upper end of the wharfbat and lost his balance. He caught Wharfmaster Brown and pulled him in. Dan Fitzpatrick threw a rope to Captain Brown and saved him. Harris did not rise and his body has not been recovered. He was a well built mulatto negro.

Stock Actor Is Dead.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Harry Long, an actor, well known in stock plays in the Middle West, is dead in a hospital here.

Schools Open Monday

The public schools will resume their sessions Monday morning.

About 2,000 Arrests

According to Chief of Police Singery the number of arrests this year will be close around 2,000, and about the same number as last year. Chief Singery will be busy all day Sunday winding up his books in order to prepare his annual report.

Mrs. Robert Russell

Mrs. Robert Russell, 75 years old, a respected matron of Kevil, died last night at her home in Kevil after a long illness of tuberculosis. She is survived by three daughters and five sons, all of whom reside near Kevil. She is a cousin of Mr. B. B. Hook, of Paducah. Mrs. Russell was a devout member of the Baptist church. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with burial in the Hook cemetery.

FIRST TOBACCO SALES

ON MONDAY MORNING

Bohmer's warehouse, at Eleventh street and Broadway, A. J. Campbell, manager, will have its first sale on Monday, January 2. Something like 50,000 pounds of tobacco will be offered at the sale. A large number of out-of-town buyers will be present. This is the first sale of the season and will be a big event.

PALLBEARERS CHOSEN

FOR THE RIEKE FUNERAL

The pallbearers for Mr. W. H. Rieke's funeral, which will be held at the residence, 1710 Kentucky avenue, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, will be: Honorary—Major J. H. Ashcraft, Dr. D. G. Murrell, T. A. Baker, J. W. McKnight, D. A. Yeiser, Robert L. Reeves. Active—George Ripley, S. A. Fowler, Muscoe Burnett, Lawrence Dallam, Dr. Frank Boyd and J. D. Mocout. The Rev. H. W. Burwell will officiate and burial will be in Oak Grove.

SIXTY-FIVE WANT

SALOON LICENSE

ALL FILE BOND WITH O. K. OF AGENT ON THEIR APPLICATION.

Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon 65 applicants for liquor licenses had been received by City Clerk McIntyre. Out of this number four were applicants for quart licenses. All of the 65 gave the Fidelity & Deposit company, of Baltimore, as their bondsmen. W. P. Hummel, local agent for the company, filed a paper, vouching for each bond, and the general council tonight will be given notice of the "O. K." of the bondsmen. Mr. McIntyre has been kept busy all day, receiving applications and swearing new city officials. The general council will meet in called session at 9 o'clock tonight and wind up the business of 1910 and receive the final report of City Treasurer Walters.

TURK-GERMAN ALLIANCE IS ENGLISH BAR

That is the Opinion in South-eastern Europe, Concerning Persia.

Situation in England and on the Continent—Gossip of Foreign Capitals.

(United Press Association.)

Teheran, Dec. 31.—The impression here is that Germany and Turkey, combined, have frightened England and Russia out of dividing Persia between them—just at present, at least.

In northern Persia, Russia has not, indeed, relinquished anything that it held. It maintains garrisons wherever it had them and the czar's officers continue to interfere in Persian affairs as much as ever. It has stopped the reinforcement of garrisons, however, and several detachments of troops which recently crossed the frontier from the Caucasus, evidently intending to march still farther to the southward, have been recalled.

In the south, England has shown every sign of indecision and anxiety. It has landed marines from its warships in the Persian Gulf and called them aboard again, taken the aggressive in several skirmishes on shore and then backed out of them, and shown no inclination to make good its ultimatum to take possession of the southern roads unless the Persian government put a stop to the disorders which the English themselves were stirring up.

It is no doubt natural that England should be more cautious than Russia. The latter is able to get into northern Persia by land marches while the English would have to bring their forces long distances by water.

No one imagines that the London and St. Petersburg governments have finally abandoned their designs against the shah's country, but it looks very much as if they had reconsidered their decision that the time was ripe for an immediate grab. In some respects, Turkish aggression seems a more urgent danger. The Ottoman troops are gradually getting possession of more and more Persian territory in the vicinity of their own frontier. The Turkish movement was undertaken ostensibly in defense of Persia against Russia, but it is strongly doubted here whether it will surrender anything that it gets securely into its hands.

Turkish Troubles.

Constantinople, Dec. 31.—Official denials to the contrary notwithstanding, the Young Turkish government is in a very precarious situation. The progressive element, of which the Young Turks are the head, is so enormously outnumbered by the reactionaries that it feels its only hope is to act with the utmost severity at the first sign of popular discontent anywhere in the country. By this method it has succeeded in holding its own thus far, but it has stirred up such an amount of hostility that it is in danger now of being overwhelmed at any moment.

The outbreak of the administration's enemies in parliament a few days ago, in connection with the undoubtedly accurate showing they made of the cruelties the troops have practiced in disaffected sections of the country apparently brought matters to a head. There are mutterings of rebellion from every direction at present.

To make matters worse there is serious question concerning the loyalty of War Minister Chekret Pasha to the Young Turkish cause. Chekret was never a member of the Young Turkish group. He was enough of a progressive to oppose Abdul Hamid's misgovernment, and accordingly took command of the troops who marched upon Constantinople at the time of the last reactionary uprising, and the Young Turks accepted his services because he was recognized as the ablest general who was willing to serve them.

They were afraid of him from the first, however, and the manner in which he criticized their policies following Abdul Hamid's deposition made them still more so. He was certainly the last man they wanted for war minister, but there was no escape from it. The faults he was continually finding with their military methods were causing them the greatest inconvenience and it was finally decided to take him into the cabinet as a means of silencing him and perhaps binding him to their own group. Chekret saw the trap and was very willing to step into it.

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